

Junior Class Support

Thank you to all the adults supporting activities in the junior class on regular mornings weekly. We look forward to continuing this in Term 4 and will send home pink forms before the end of term for helpers to indicate their availability.

Community News

Healthy Teeth He Niho Oranga

Bottles and Dummies

Do not put sweet or fizzy drinks in the bottle, especially when baby is going to sleep. Fruit juices, cordial, fizzies, chocolate, milo and other sweet drinks in the bottle will make big holes in the child's teeth. The best drinks are water and milk. If a child has a dummy do not dip it in sugar, honey, jam or other sweet foods.

Medicines

These are often very sweet and sticky. Ask your doctor for sugar free medicines, and have the child brush their teeth after taking medicines. Drinking the medicine through a straw may help keep it away from the teeth.

Half time food

To play as well as the Black Sticks (NZ Hockey Team) it's important at half time to drink water to keep your fluid levels up. If you have a really long or intense game you may need something to eat – a banana or orange are great options.



Eat to help you recover

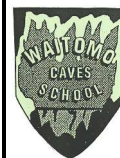
To be a fantastic equestrian rider like Mark Todd it's important to have a healthy, well balanced meal (usually lunch) within 1-2 hours of finishing the game/activity. Have a chicken and salad sandwich, eggs on toast or cheese and tomato toasties. Don't forget to rehydrate with plenty of water.



What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

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| 14 September | Snow Day Trip |
| 17 September | School Mathletics Trial begins |
| 18 September | College teacher visiting |
| 19 September | COP's Mathletics |
| 24 September | Hearing and Vision Technician visit |
| 26 September | BOT meeting |
| 28 September | Community Assembly, end of Term 3 |
| 30 September | School Mathletics Trial ends |
| 15 October | Term 4 begins |

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Term Three 2012

Week Nine – 13 September

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

With a very excited school group we head off to the Whakapapa Ski Field bright and early tomorrow morning. We have a 50 seat bus full, with additional parents and family members joining us in their vehicles. It is very important we depart on time so make sure you have an early night sleep this evening. Everyone is to arrive **no later than 6.45am**. Parents are reminded that Mrs Dimond will have the school mobile phone for you to call in case of an emergency. Please be patient when attempting to contact Mrs Dimond as there are some areas along the journey where reception is not available. (Mob: 0273 910 746)

Please be at school between 6.30pm-7.00pm to collect your child/children. Sincere thanks to the Whitehead and Downs family for bringing in some food to go towards our dinner.

Quiz Night

Congratulations to the fundraising committee and all helpers on the evening of the Quiz Night last week. A very successful event with approx. \$1,200 raised. Thank you to MC, Brian Pitts-Brown and all the following sponsors; Kiwipaka, Haddads, Skyline Rotorua, Caveworld, Waitomo Golf Club, De Bretts Taupo, Hole-in-One Taupo, Prawn Park Taupo, Rainbows End, Paradise Valley Rotorua, Huhu, Thirsty Weta, Roseland's, Waitomo

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Proudly Supporting Waitomo Caves School

Glowworm Caves Gift Shop. Thank you to Pania, Miria and Tai for a wonderful supper along with Alannah and Batch for many errands that made a great evening.

Congratulations to the raffle prize winners: 1st Ms Easton, 2nd Richard Jones, 3rd Keira Whitehead and 4th Tai Jones.

COP's Mathletics

This year's COP's Mathletics Event will be held at Kio Kio School on Wednesday 19 September. Two teams are entered and will demonstrate their problem solving skills through maths questions in individual and team tasks. Tui, Tiana, Angel, Peta, Blaze and Kyah are representing our school to display their talents in solving mathematical problems. Go seniors!

Mathletics Trail

Mathletics is New Zealand's leading online resource for maths and we are about to go live with a trail on Monday. The trail will go for two weeks and will be accessed at school and in homes if possible. During the trial your child will have 24 hour access to Mathletics by using their unique username and password. Your child can access the Mathletics website at www.mathletics.co.nz (please ensure that pop-ups are enabled for this site). To gain the greatest understanding of how Mathletics can benefit your child, we encourage you to spend time looking at Mathletics with them. All children have received their username and password details that can be kept at home during the trail. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any queries, we look forward to your feedback.

Mini Production

All students will be involved in the school mini production called Little Red Rocking Hood. We are performing at school on the last day of this term. This will be at our Community Assembly on Friday 28 September at 1.30pm. Children are encouraged to wear rock n roll clothes on this day.

Year 8 Visitor

A reminder to parents that Mrs Kurth, Acting Senior Manager and Student Wellbeing, at Ōtorohanga College will be visiting our school on Tuesday 18 September at 9.00am until 9.45am. The visit is to speak to students who will be attending College next year. Parents are most welcome to attend as well.

Hillcrest Normal School

Hillcrest Normal School in Hamilton has been of great assistance with supporting programmes and resources within our school. Recently we

have received updated computer monitors, middle school chairs and whiteboards. Staff interschool visits have also been of great value. Thank you Hillcrest Normal School.

Information Communication Technology

There have been a few changes at school with ICT. Staff currently have iPads that they are becoming familiar with before we implement them into our classroom teaching practise. More will be purchased at a later date. The PC's in the senior class are running at full capacity and the laptops have been rebuilt and are in tip-top condition. A teacher laptop has come off lease and has been purchased for permanent use in the junior class. All staff have Ministry of Education leased laptops that are also used for multi purposes in classes and for planning. With the new and improved monitors for the PC's, students have enjoyed dismantling the old ones in design and technology lessons.



Alarm Upgrade

The Ministry of Education have completed an Alarm Upgrade. We have explored some interesting alarm sounds and will be learning the new evacuation signals. There is also an intercom system with a speaker in every room in the school.